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THE EAST AND WEST.

Some of the Republican Papers Disposed to be Honest at Last.



URING the past six months, Kansas in particular and the West in general, has been traduced by the press of the east most unmercifully, and it is gratifying in the extreme to know that some at least of the traducers are willing to set themselves right before the world by acknowledging that they have been wrong. In the Boston Advertiser, a republican paper recently appeared the following editorial:

The mortgage assignment law enacted at the last session of the late Kansas legislature, of which the essential features were described in the Advertiser yesterday, appears to be just and judicious. To be sure, it is the work of a populist legislature, but that fact ought not to be taken as prima facie proof that everything which the legislature does is fraudulent or foolish or both. Some very unwise measures were certainly introduced last session, and it may be that some of them were enacted, though as to that our information is incomplete. As we have criticised what we thought to be objectionable features in the proceedings at Topeka during the past winter, we are all the more pleased now to commend what seems to be praiseworthy. The mortgage assignment law recently enacted protects mortgagors and mortgagees alike. There is nothing unreasonable in the requirements that all assignments, to be valid, now existing, must be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county on or before September 10 next. The time is ample and the warning is fair. The requirements that all assignments hereafter made "must be acknowledged and recorded within 90 days after making and must show the address of the assignee, to be valid," is plain, common sense and even handed honesty.

Every man who is in debt has a right to know who his creditors are. Every man, more especially, whose home and means of livelihood are liable to be taken from him at the will of another, has a right to know the name and address of that other. It is incredible that any honest creditor, to say nothing of any humane one can, object to such a requirement.

But it is really the mortgagee rather than the mortgagor who will be benefited by this law, or, to be more exact, the law will work chiefly in the interest of legitimate investors. The man who has the right to be secured by means of mortgage on a Kansas farm is the man whose security will be strengthened by this new assignment law. It will no longer be possible for a rascally mortgagee to make an assignment, receive pay from the assignee, then foreclose, get the money from the farmer, sign a release, have the mortgage cancelled and leave the man to whom the money belongs robbed and helpless.

There has been a good deal too much of a disposition here in the east to take it for granted that in all contentions between Kansas farmers and eastern money lenders the farmers are at fault; and that at any rate every act of the Kansas legislature, especially if it be a populist legislature, relating to mortgage indebtedness, is intended to swindle the money lender. We are not denying that some reprehensible legislation has given color to these injurious notions, but there is, to say the least, much exaggeration. The farmers have had reason for some of their complaints as well as eastern money lenders for some of theirs. There is room for more fairness, calmness and willingness to hear reason on both sides.

And in general, it is proper to say that if the east and the west knew each other better, fewer people in the west would believe that the east is principally inhabited by Shylocks greedy for pounds of flesh; and fewer people in the east would believe that large sections of the west are controlled by wild-eyed fanatics who take for their motto "Property is robbery."

The Atchison, Kansas, Champion, also republican, commenting on the Advertiser's editorial, says:

The above from the Boston Advertiser is full of good sense which ought

to commend itself to some of the uneasy mar-plots and political fault-finders who make Kansas their home. It is not much wonder that Kansas people have been looked upon with distrust in New York and New England, when so many Kansas newspapers and Kansas politicians have busied themselves in criticising Kansas measures and Kansas men.

It is, indeed, most hopeful sign when an influential, conservative New England newspaper like the Boston Advertiser, wisely sees the truth and bravely publishes it. Its comments reminds us forcibly of the remark made to the writer of these lines, at Lookout Inn, last September, by a general who served in the Confederate army: "If we had known the northern people in 1861 as we know them now; and if you folks had known the southern people as you know them now, there would have been no southern confederacy and no war."

High School Commencement.

Commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Great Bend high school will occur Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, at the opera house.

Class sermon, by Rev. Bixler, at the M. E. church, Sunday morning, May 16th.

Class address Monday evening, May 17th, by State Senator Charles Scott, at the opera house.

THE GRADUATES:

Mande F. Hart. Ed. R. Moses, Jr.
Lucinda Murrant. Clyde W. Moore.
DeEtta Worrall. Jas. W. Thatcher.
Clara Buckland. Arthur E. Taylor.
Dale Nimocks. W. L. Townsley.
Maggie Fouch. Edward Fouch.
Nellie M. Jones. Webster Langham.
Jennie McMullen. Frank L. Bailey.
May McGreevey. Geo. B. Sloniger.
Ethel Tyndall. "Louis Woodburn

PROGRAM—TUESDAY EVENING:
Music—Piano Solo.....Mandolin Club
Invocation.....Rev. L. C. Schaecke
Oration—Literature a Pillar of Strength.....Lucinda Murrant
Oration—True and False Success.....H. E. Fouch
Music.....Mandolin Club
Oration—Standing with Reluctant Feet Where the Brook and River Meet.....Maud F. Hart
Oration—Our Country's Needs, J. W. H. Thatcher
Oration—Art in Oratory.....Frank L. Bailey
Music.....College Glee Club
Oration—Lights and Shadows.....Jennie McMullen
Oration—Patriotism.....William L. Townsley
Oration—Self Reliance.....M. Margaret Fouch
Piano Solo.....Miss Florence Pool
Oration—A Practical Education.....Clyde W. Moore
Oration—Our Near Relations.....DeEtta Worrall
Music.....Mandolin Club

WEDNESDAY EVENING:
Music—Piano Solo.....Miss Florence Pool
Invocation.....Rev. A. J. Bixler
Music.....Mandolin Club
Oration—Improvements.....Mac L. McGreevey
Oration—What is Life?.....Clara E. Buckland
Oration—Self-Made Man.....George B. Sloniger
Vocal Solo.....Miss V. L. Shaw
Oration—The Silent Forces.....C. Ethel Tyndall
Oration—New Times Demand New Measures and New Men.....B. L. Woodburn
Music.....Mandolin Club
Oration—Where are the Clays and the Websters?.....Arthur E. Taylor
Oration—Time and Tide.....Nellie M. Jones
Music.....College Glee Club
Oration—What Next?.....Edward H. Moore, Jr.
Oration—Major and Minor Chords, Bertha Nimocks
Oration—Walls Must Be Weather-Beaten to Grow the Ivy.....Webster J. Langham
Music.....Mandolin Club
Presentation of Diplomas.....
.....President of Board of Education
Music.....College Glee Club
Admission free to class address on Monday evening. Admission Tuesday and Wednesday evening 35 cents for two nights, or 25 cents single night. Tickets will be on sale Saturday the 15th. No reserve charge for reserved seats.

Jurors Drawn.

Following are the jurors drawn for the June term of the district court: L. E. Simpson, Fred Vollmer, P. Corbin, Thos. Clayton, D. B. Palmer, Great Bend City.

A. H. Clancy, Jno. Coss, Buffalo township.

M. Musil, Ang. Schrepel, E. Cramp Lakin township.

Otto Hagan, J. H. Brewer, W. Bryant, Comanche township.

W. W. Whitney, Cheyenne township.

Jno. Porter, Grant township.

E. H. Allen, Union township.

Dan'l Unruh, C. H. French, Pawnee Rock township.

H. W. Ford, Homestead township.

E. York, Clarence township.

Jos. Schneider, Walnut township.

For a number of years, in fact as long as we have had a city high school in Great Bend, the announcement cards for commencement have been printed in Great Bend. This year, however (probably owing to that wonderful wave of prosperity (?) which has struck the west,) the graduating class sent clear to Philadelphia, Pa., for the cards. We venture the assertion that there are three printing offices in Great Bend either of which could have turned out as neat a job, and for less money. Yet all the local papers will be expected to give a glowing report of the graduating exercises.

WONDERFUL DISPLAY.

Ringling Bros. Gorgeous 30-Section Free Street Parade.



Great Bend Saturday, May 15th. The newspapers of Chicago, where the big show has given over 100 performances, and the papers of other large cities, pronounce it the one big show of the universe. The Ringling Bros. have this year to make their visit to each community positively irresistible to the thousands added a free, open air spectacular entertainment, which takes place as a grand processional street demonstration, and is a modern and gigantic successor of the conventional street parade still a feature with other shows. In discarding the old-time circus pageant and substituting this big new parade the Ringling Bros. introduce something entirely new, novel and worthy of public interest. It is presented in 30 enormous sections, or subdivisions, each one of which would outclass the usual circus parade, and combined presenting a sight, or rather a series of bewilderingly grand scenes, more than three times larger than the combined processional display of any other show in America; costing more than ten times as much to produce it, and in beauty and grandeur beyond comparison. Among the 30 sections are representations of all the famed mounted military companies of the world, the elaborate and correct accoutrements, arms and uniforms alone costing many thousands of dollars. There are scenes of warfare in the Punjab, huge elephants harnessed to cannons, mounted military escorts, native soldiers, guides, attendants and commanders moving on to the encounter with warring tribes. The famous English Derby Day meet is represented in all the magnificence of the genuine event by the hundreds of artists and performers attired as high English society ladies and gentlemen on their way to the Derby races, riding in scores of swell turn-outs of every variety, drawn by the choicest of aristocratic horses. Egyptian caravans in full equipment cross the desert with the wealth of oriental looms, spices and riches, with guides, merchants, guards, horsemen, and herds of burden-bearing camels. There are special children's parades that out rival in grandeur of equipment and gorgeous golden splendor the most impossible fairy tales. There are ten bands of music and over 400 horses; more than 100 cages, chariots and animal dens, and scores of wild beasts in dens open to public view, the entire representing a sight such as has never before been seen here or elsewhere since the world begun.

Obituary.

Miss Myrtle Estill died at her home in the 5th ward of this city, Friday evening April 23rd, 1897, aged 22 years. She was taken with consumption about a year ago. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Estill, who lost another daughter last August from the same dread disease. Deceased was an accomplished and well educated young lady, being a graduate of the Central Normal College of Great Bend, Kansas, and having taught school in that county. The day of her death was just one year from the last day she taught school.

It would seem sometimes that the brightest and most useful people were called to the other world first. The funeral occurred from the Presbyterian church at 4 p. m. today, and the remains were entombed in the new cemetery south east of the city—Enid, Ok. Daily Wave.

Miss Estill had many friends in this county who will deeply regret to learn of her untimely death.

Queer what benighted individuals will set themselves up for school teachers. For instance, at a recent county examination for teacher's certificates in this county, one applicant answered the question: "What were the three principle things advocated by the democratic party in the presidential campaign of 1896?" as follows: "Free silver, free trade, and take the pensions away from soldiers." And such "things" really do get certificates sometimes, and teach our children!

John W. McCauley, of the north side, was doing business in Great Bend last Friday afternoon.

O. J. Richards was up from Hutchinson on business last Friday.

Hugh Boyle, of Albion, spent a couple of days in town last week.

Hon. Nelson Adams, of Larned, was in the city a few hours Saturday evening.

W. S. Vincent, of Hoisington, was over to the county seat on business last Friday.

Be it said to the shame of woman-kind, no man is ever too worthless to get married.

Dr. P. J. Bartle moved his family from Hoisington last week to the Crocker property, in the 4th ward, this city.

Bob Gates was in, from the south side, Monday, and reports corn going in over his way now by the hundreds of acres a day.

Mayor Bockemuhl, of Ellinwood, "just dropped in" on the DEMOCRAT force Monday afternoon, to see if we were all healthy.

Miss Lizzie Stang and her father, from the western edge of Rush county, came down to Great Bend last Friday to do some trading.

Have your poll tax worked out before harvest; you can get it done now for less money than when there is a big demand for harvest hands.

The young son of Al. Spencer fell and broke an arm, one day last week. Being a little fellow of good constitution he is rapidly recovering.

News reaches us that the large barn of Matt Webber, of Dubuque, was burned down last week, with quite a loss of corn and other contents.

Mesdams Florence Abel and Mary Kelley, of California, cousins of Mrs. C. L. Zutavern, stopped off in Great Bend last week to visit Mrs. Zutavern.

Dad Deleplane, with his team of magnificent black horses, makes our street sprinkler have a really metropolitan appearance. This is no taffy dad.

Col. C. L. Jones says he has some of the finest rye this spring that ever grew; and longs for an opportunity to manufacture some of it into air-ship tonic.

Alfalpa has made a wonderful growth this spring. It is unfortunate that more of Barton county's farmers have not put in a large acreage of this valuable crop.

Mamie Connett and Grace Grimes had "such a coming down stairs" at the Morrison the other day that they were considerably bruised up and laid by for repairs a couple of days.

In attempting to stop a runaway team of mules last Friday about noon, Willis Bolinger was thrown against the wagon and had one arm so badly bruised that he is temporarily laid up.

Do you want to "be in the push?" If so, hand in or send in a dollar, or a half, or a quarter, and get on the DEMOCRAT list. Everybody finds something interesting to them in the DEMOCRAT.

One merchant said, last week, that he knew it paid to advertise in the DEMOCRAT, because of all the people he asked what paper they saw his ad. in, nine-tenths of them replied "The DEMOCRAT."

We desire to once more caution correspondents against writing up items that will give offence to neighbors. This paper cannot, with our knowledge, be used by anyone to "get even with" some one else.

The Ringling Bros. circus has taken possession of the DEMOCRAT this week—so far as almost half a page of advertising space. But on the 15th inst. our people will take possession of the circus, and then we will play even.

Gentlemen, size up the crowd that will be in town Saturday—some of them from 40 to 50 miles away—and reflect that, if we go at it right to get up the right kind of a 4th of July celebration sheh a crowd can be duplicated on that date.

Some sneak thief entered the bedroom of W. W. Payne, a clerk at Lundblade's, last Thursday night, by prying open a window, and abstracted "Dock's" pants, rifled them of change \$5 or \$6 and hung them on a mulberry bush in Tom Clayton's yard.

The marshal is this week serving notices on a large number of property owners, notifying that defective and dangerous sidewalks along their premises have been condemned and must be repaired, or else the city will repair at the expense of the property owner, or tear up the walks entirely. This legal precaution is timely.

Probate Judge Breeden is making an extra effort to get settlement of estates that have been in probate for a number of years. He should have the assistance of all administrators and guardians.

Mrs. Fanny I. Frye of this city, went to the Congregational church at Hutchinson last week and lost her voice again. She should be composed; the Methodists are sure to get a revival again soon.

Among the famous aerialists with Ringling Brother's World's Greatest Shows this season are the world-famous Fisher Family, the DaComas, the wonderful Picardos and many other remarkable mid air specialists.

Query: If the clerk of the school board, who does practically all the clerical work of the board, but handles no money, is entitled to but \$15 a year, why is the city treasurer who only does a little book-keeping and has the use of the school funds entitled to \$36 a year?

It corrects the liver, clears the complexion, loosens the laughings, makes blushes visible, brings the rosy hue of health to the cheek of the sedentary, rejuvenates the aged, brightens existence generally, changes the sneer to a smile and makes life worth the living. What does this? Why, a weekly reading of the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT, of course.

Bicyclists of the city would like the street sprinkler to arise and explain why it is necessary to keep the streets in a constant state of mud? If water must be thrown so many hours a day, why not put it on some of the by-roads leading into Main, instead of making the one street so wet that wheelmen cannot travel it.

Schools through the county are pretty generally closed, and the boys and girls are out in the fields building brawn and muscle. In a couple of weeks the city schools will close. It is a pity the town boys and girls could not also have some of the same kind of employment enjoyed by the country youth during the summer vacation.

A young man recently bargained with a Hutchinson merchant for a suit of clothes, and was permitted to take the suit home to try it on. He sent the clothes back the next day with a note stating they did not fit, and about a week later the merchant discovered that the enterprising young man had simply borrowed the clothes to get married in.

If the poor old bundle of jealousy who poses as editor and manager of the Beacon, but lets the rest of the family do the work, wants to find out why so many more people read the DEMOCRAT than read the Beacon, he should compare the two papers and their new-giving ability. Last week the DEMOCRAT contained, by actual count, 236 items of local county news, to 171 in the Beacon of the same week. The DEMOCRAT has 21 editorial comments and the Beacon 5. People read the county paper that gives them the county news, and they do not care whether the figure-head who loafs around the Beacon office likes it or not.

Speaking of the nerve of Western Kansas girls the Osborne Farmer says: "One of Nortonville's brightest and prettiest maidens won fame the other day by a distinguished act of bravery. She entered the postoffice with several young lady friends, and, clasping one of her legs at a point just above the knee looked fixedly straight before her. 'Girls,' she whispered to her companions, 'when those men go out I want to show you something.' The men soon departed, and she released her grasp upon her skirts, when a dead mouse fell upon the floor. She felt the intruder cavorting about her, but never screamed or tried to mount the table or letter boxes. She just gripped him, stood still and squeezed the life out of rodent's the body.

On last Thursday Coroner Shaw received a telegram from a man at Arkansas City which stated that the young man killed here by the cars Tuesday night was F. W. Stewart, a brother of the party telegraphing and asking that the remains be given as decent a burial as the valuables found would warrant. The body was buried Thursday afternoon. It appears the deceased was a printer, who with his brother had at one time published a paper at Arkansas City. The G. A. R. officers here received a letter Friday from the W. R. C. of Arkansas City, asking that the Post members give the body some attention, as Stewart was the son of an ex-Union soldier, and his mother, who is very poor, is a member of the Relief Corps at that city.

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and other stringed instruments. Theory of music including Thorough Bass, Harmony, Composition and Orchestration will be taught. She will be assisted by Miss F. E. Poole, an experienced teacher of string instruments.

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